GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FOUR LANE ROAD SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are planning to construct four lane road system for National Highways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any specific plan has been finalised for widening the National Highway 47 in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (R
B.C.KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Four-laning of National Highways in the country has been taken up under the National Highway Development Project (NHDP), which consists of the following two components:

(i) Golden Quadrilateral: Four/six-laning of National Highways connecting the four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kokata having a total length 5846 km.

(ii) North-South & East-West corridors: Four/six-laning of Highways connecting Srinagar to Kanyakumari (including Kochi-Salem Spur) and Highways connecting Silchar to Porbandar having a total length 7300 km.

Besides above, port connectivity projects and 4-laning of other identified National Highways having a total length of 1016 km are also taken up.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Kochi-Salem section of National Highway 47 is being four-laned as part of NHDP.This has a total length of 348 km, out of which 17 km are already four-laned. Four-laning in 16 km length is under implementation. The whole length is targeted to be 4-laned by December, 2007.